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NIS Committee Input to DCI Annual Report to PFIAB

1. During most of FY 1973, the NIS Committee focussed its efforts on the reformatted General Survey, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The new publication includes an introductory "Country Profile", followed by chapters on the society, government and politics, the economy, transportation and telecommunications, military geography, armed forces, and science. These chapters, bound separately for increased flexibility in scheduling, dissemination, and updating, contain the most broadly useful information provided by the discontinued detailed country coverage of the NIS Program. User response has been highly encouraging.

2. Twenty-seven General Surveys, 12 of which were in the bound-by-chapter format, were issued during the year. Semiannual publication of the Basic Intelligence Factbook was continued, and 32 detailed units (carry-over production from FY 1972) were published. Total contributor submissions fell about 5% short of scheduled production.

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3. Community coordination procedures, which remained essentially unchanged, were considered adequate for NIS needs.

4. At the end of the year, the DCI decided that CIA could no longer provide resources for the NIS and recommended that USIB terminate the Program. USIB, at its meetings on 28 June and 19 July 1973, noted the termination of the Program by the end of FY 1974 and approved a phaseout plan submitted by the Chairman of the NIS Committee (USIB-M-645).

5. NIS General Survey production programming for FY 1974 will be limited [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NIS publications in the inventory at the end of FY 1974 will continue to be available for dissemination through established channels until existing stocks are depleted. An interagency Basic Intelligence Factbook, closely resembling the NIS Factbook in format, scope, and method of production, will continue to be coordinated and issued by CIA.

6. In response to the recent statements by the Unified and Specified Commands of their continuing critical need for the intelligence contained in the NIS, DIA is examining the feasibility of incorporating certain DoD produced NIS-type coverage into its existing departmental production. No provision, however, is being made for programmed production on topics charged to CIA under NSCID No. 3 (economic, political, and sociological).

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